

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1-11, 14-16, 18-27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 18 to incorporate the limitation that the temperature of heat treating is about 700 degrees Celsius.

The examiner rejected claims 1-16, 18-29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite, inasmuch as it is unclear to which body “the solid body” referenced in parts (c) of the independent claims refers. Applicant has amended claims 1, 18 and 31 to refer to “the sintered solid body”, clearly pointing out that the term “the solid body” in parts (c) of the independent claims refers to the solid body that has been treated in steps (b) of those same claims.

The examiner stated in the Office Action mailed 8-25-2006 that the IDS would not be considered because references were not submitted in English, and there was no English translation or explanation of the relevance of those references as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c). Applicant re-submits simultaneously with this Amendment a new IDS with the English abstracts for those references included. Therefore, all references have been appropriately cited by Applicant for consideration by the Office.

The examiner stated that claims 12-13, 28-29 and 31-33 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 18 and 31 to comply with 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant has also incorporated the

temperature limitations of claims 12 and 28 into independent claims 1 and 18, respectively. Therefore, all of the pending claims are allowable.

The examiner is authorized to communicate with the undersigned attorney by email by the following recommended authorization language: Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file. (authorization pursuant to MPEP 502.03)

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3393 for any insufficient fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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